

- 1.(Pending) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:
- a tie down bracket placed between a trim adjustment rack of the motor and the transom of the boat;
  - a support rotatably mounted with respect to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor; and
  - a tie down strap which passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket.
- 2.(Pending) The device of claim 1, wherein the tie down bracket has a base plate which is secured adjacent to the transom by compression directed from the trim adjustment rack toward the transom and a pair of tabs that extend perpendicular to the base plate with the pair of tabs each having a hole.
- 3.(Pending) The device of claim 1, wherein the tie down strap is adjustable in length and has a pair of ends that are secured to the tie down bracket on opposite sides of the motor.
4. (Amended) The [tie down strap] device of claim 3, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket through the holes on the pair of tabs.
- 5.(Pending) The device of claim 1, wherein the support has a cradle which receives and secures the drive shaft housing of the motor.
- 6.(Pending) The device of claim 5, wherein the support comprises a V-frame with a cross bar such that the opening of the V-frame mounts to the trim adjustment rack of the motor.
- 7.(Pending) The device of claim 6, wherein the cross bar extends beyond the V-frame to form a pair of handles on either side of the V-frame.
- 8.(Pending) The device of claim 1, wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to raise the support when the motor is raised to an up position.
- 9.(Pending) The device of claim 1, wherein the support is rotatably mounted such that the support is positioned between the motor and the transom when the motor is in a down position.
- 10.(Pending) The device of claim 9, and further including:
- means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.
- 11.(Pending) The device of claim 10, wherein the support includes a handle.
- 12.(Pending) The device of claim 1, wherein the tie down bracket has a base plate which is

mounted to the transom by bolts which mount the motor to the transom by passing through the trim adjustment rack of the motor and the base plate of the tie down bracket, the tie down bracket also including a pair of tabs that extend perpendicular to the base plate with the pair of tabs each having a hole.

13.(Pending) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

- a tie down bracket having a base which is secured to the transom and a first and a second tab which extend from the base opposedly facing each other, wherein the first and the second tabs each have a hole;
- a support formed in a V-frame having a cross bar and a cradle, wherein the opening of the V-frame is mounted in relation to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point and the cradle located at the apex of the V-frame receives and supports the motor along the drive shaft housing of the motor; and
- a tie down strap of adjustable length having a pair of hooks secured to its ends, wherein one of the hooks is secured in each one of the holes in the tabs and the tie down strap passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor.

14.(Pending) The device of claim 13, wherein the cross bar extends beyond the V-frame to form a pair of handles for the support on either side of the V-frame.

15.(Pending) The device of claim 14, wherein the tie down strap passes beneath the handles of the support.

16.(Pending) The device of claim 13, wherein a lanyard cable is connected between the motor and the support to raise the support when the motor is tilted to an up position.

17.(Pending) A method for securing a motor to a transom of a boat, the method comprising:  
sliding a tie down bracket of an outboard motor support device between a transom of the boat and a trim adjustment rack of the motor;  
mounting the motor to the transom of the boat which compresses and secures the tie down bracket between the trim adjustment rack of the motor and the transom of the boat;  
tilting the motor to an up position;  
rotating a support of the motor support device which has a frame pivotally mounted with respect to the motor and which has a cradle, such that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor; and  
securing a tie down strap of the motor support device to the tie down bracket such that the tie down strap passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor and secures the motor in place between the cradle of the support and the tie down strap.

18.(Pending) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of

a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket;

a support having a V-frame with a cradle at its apex which is rotatably mounted with respect to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor in the cradle; and

a tie down strap which passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket.

19.(Pending) The device of claim 18, wherein the tie down bracket has a base plate which is secured between the transom of the boat and a trim adjustment rack of the motor, the tie down bracket further including a pair of tabs that extend perpendicular to the base plate with the pair of tabs each having a hole.

20.(Pending) The device of claim 18, wherein the tie down strap is adjustable in length and has a pair of ends that are secured to the tie down bracket on opposite sides of the motor.

21.(Amended) The [tie down strap] device of claim 20, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket.

22.(Pending) The device of claim 18, wherein the cradle receives and secures the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor.

23.(Pending) The device of claim 22, wherein the V-frame opening of the support mounts to a trim adjustment rack of the motor.

24.(Pending) The device of claim 22, wherein the V-frame has a cross bar which extends beyond the V-frame to form a pair of handles on either side of the V-frame.

25.(Pending) The device of claim 18, wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to raise the support when the motor is raised to an up position.

26. (Amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the support is rotatably mounted such that the support is positioned between the motor and the transom when the motor is in a down position and the [axis] plane of rotation for the support is along a plane parallel to the length of the boat.

27.(Pending) The device of claim 26, and further including:

means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.

28.(Pending) The device of claim 27 wherein the support includes a handle.

29.(New) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket;

a support rotatably mounted with respect to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element which passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket when the motor is in the up position to hold the motor in contact with the support.

30.(New) The device of claim 29 wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket through holes at opposite ends of the tie down bracket.

31.(New) The device of claim 29 wherein the support has a cradle which receives and secures a drive shaft housing of the motor.

32.(New) The device of claim 31 wherein the support has an first end and a second end, wherein the cradle is located at the first end, and wherein the support is rotatably mounted at its second end.

33.(New) The device of claim 29, and further including:  
means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.

34.(New) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a support having a cradle at a first end and having a second end rotatably mounted about a horizontal pivot axis which is generally parallel to the transom such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about the pivot axis to contact and support the motor in the cradle and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and  
a flexible tie down element which passes behind the motor to hold the motor in contact with the cradle when the motor is in its up position.

35.(New) The device of claim 34 wherein the cradle receives and secures the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor.

36.(New) The device of claim 34 wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to move the support to a position for contacting and supporting the motor when the motor is raised to an up position.

37.(New) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket having holes at opposite ends;  
a support having a cradle at an a first end, wherein a second end of the support is mounted

for pivotal movement such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to a first position at which the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is in second position between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element having a pair of hooks secured to its ends, wherein each one of the hooks is secured in one of the holes in the tie down bracket and the tie down strap passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor to hold the drive shaft housing in contact with the cradle when the motor is in the up position.

38.(New) The device of claim 37 wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to pivot the support when the motor is tilted to an up position.

39.(New) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

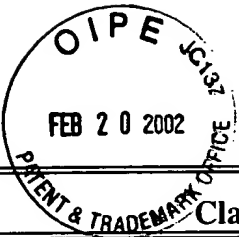
a support rotatably mounted at a first end and having a cradle at a second end, the support being rotatable such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its first end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element which passes behind the motor for securing the drive shaft housing in place against the cradle when the motor is in an up position.

40.(New) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a support rotatably mounted at a first end and having a cradle at a second end, the support being rotatable such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its first end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.



Claim 4	Location Of Support In Specification
<p>The [tie down strap] <u>device</u> of claim 3, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket through the holes on the pair of tabs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "The device comprises a tie down bracket, a support and a tie down strap." (Col. 2, ll. 31-32.)</li></ul>

Claim 21	Location Of Support In Specification
<p>The [tie down strap] <u>device</u> of claim 20, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The device comprises a tie down bracket, a support and a tie down strap." (Col. 2, ll. 31-32.)</li> </ul>

Claim 26	Location Of Support In Specification
<p>The device of claim 18, wherein the support is rotatably mounted such that the support is positioned between the motor and the transom when the motor is in a down position and the [axis] <u>plane</u> of rotation for the support is along a plane parallel to the length of the boat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Support 54 is pivotally secured by pin 82, which passes through the pair of sleeves 74 to trim adjustment rack 84 of kicker motor 24. Support 54 then hangs from the trim adjustment rack 84 and can rotate about pin 82." (Col. 4, ll. 19-22.)</li> </ul>

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Claim 29	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 1, 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "The invention is a device and method to support and secure an outboard motor to a transom of a boat." (Col. 2, ll. 30-31.)</li> <li>● "The main outboard motor 22 and the kicker motor 24 are secured to a transom 26 of the boat 10." (Col. 2, ll. 65-66.)</li> </ul>

Claim 29	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>a tie down bracket;</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "The tie down strap then passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket." (Abstract)</li> <li>● "The device comprises a tie down bracket, a support and a tie down strap. The tie down bracket is secured to the transom of the boat while the support is rotatably mounted to the motor." (Abstract; Col. 2, ll. 31-34.)</li> <li>● "Outboard motor support device 50 includes a tie down bracket 52 (which is mounted to the transom 26) . . . (Col. 3, ll. 50-51.)</li> <li>● "In a preferred embodiment, tie down bracket 52 is formed by base plate 58 from which a pair of opposed facing tabs 60 extend. Base plate 58 includes a pair of mounting holes 61 and tabs 60 include aligned hole 62." (Col. 3, ll. 57-60.)</li> <li>● "Tie down strap 56 includes a pair of belts 76 that are secured to each other at one end by buckle 78 and have hooks 80 at their free ends." (Col. 4, ll. 5-7.)</li> <li>● B-7 "When kicker motor 24 is supported and secured by outboard motor support device 50, tie down strap 56 is secured to tie down bracket 52. Specifically, this is accomplished by hooks 80 being placed in holes 62 of tabs 60." (Col. 4, ll. 41-45.)</li> </ul>

Claim 29	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>a support rotatably mounted with respect to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contract and support the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● C-2 "The tie down bracket is secured to the transom of the boat while the support is rotatably mounted to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position, the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor." (Abstract)</li> <li>● "The support is mounted such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor." (Col. 2, ll. 34-37.)</li> <li>● "Outboard motor device 50 includes a tie down bracket 52 (which is mounted to the transom 26, support 54, which is rotatably mounted to the auxiliary motor 24), and tie down strap 56 (which passes around the auxiliary motor 24 and is secured to tie down bracket 52 such that kicker motor 24 is supported and secured in an up position between support 54 and tie down strap 56)." (Col. 3, ll. 50-56.)</li> <li>● "When kicker motor 24 is in a position for operation, support 54 is pivoted down to a position between transom 26 of boat 10 and drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 30-33.)</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 5 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> </ul>

Claim 29	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>a tie down element which passes behind a motor and is secured to the tie down bracket when the motor is in the up position to hold the motor in contact with the support.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "The tie down strap then passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket. This secures the motor between the support and the tie down strap providing additional support." (Abstract)</li> <li>● "The support is mounted such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor. The tie down strap is then passed behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket. The motor is then secured in the up position between the support and the tie down strap which places a portion of the strap that would otherwise be placed on the mounting bracket of the motor and prevents the generation of forces or stresses by preventing the movement of the motor while the boat is traveling at higher speeds or through semi-rough water from another power source." (Col. 2, ll. 34-45.)</li> </ul>

Claim 30	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>The device of claim 29 wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down element for securing the tie down element to the tie down bracket through holes at opposite ends of the tie down bracket.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "In a preferred embodiment, tie down bracket 52 is formed by base plate 58 from which a pair of opposed facing tabs 60 extend. Base plate 58 includes a pair of mounting holes 61 and tabs 60 include aligned hole 62." (Col. 3, ll. 57-60.)</li> <li>● "Tie down strap 56 includes a pair of belts 76 that are secured to each other at one end by buckle 78 and have hooks 80 at their free ends." (Col. 4, ll. 5-7.)</li> <li>● "When kicker motor 24 is supported and secured by outboard motor support device 50, tie down strap 56 is secured to tie down bracket 52. Specifically, this is accomplished by hooks 80 being placed in holes 62 of tabs 60." (Col. 4, ll. 41-45.)</li> </ul>

Claim 31	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>The device of claim 29 wherein the support has a cradle which receives and secures a drive shaft housing of the motor.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "The support 54 includes cradle 64, V-frame 66, crossbar 68, a pair of handles 70, lanyard 72 and a pair of sleeves 74. Cradle 64 is secured to the apex of V-frame 66. Crossbar 68 is placed across V-frame 66 to add structural support to support 54. Crossbar 68 extends beyond V-frame 66 to create handles 70 for support 54. Lanyard 72 has loops located at each end of slipover sleeves 74 to secure lanyard 72 to the lags of V-frame 66 between crossbar 68 and sleeves 74. Sleeves 74 are located at the open end of V-frame 66 and are used for mounting support 54 to kicker motor 24 by receiving a pin or bolt." (Col. 3, ll. 61- Col. 4, ll. 4.)</li> <li>● "Once support 54 is in place to support and secure kicker motor 24, tie down strap 56 is then passed behind drive shaft housing 86 and is secured on both sides of kicker motor 24 to tie down bracket 52." (Col. 4, ll. 50-54.)</li> <li>● "In a preferred embodiment, tie down strap 56 passes beneath handles 70 as shown in FIG. 4. This helps cinch kicker motor 24 between tie down strap 56 and cradle 64 and aids in maintaining the proper position of support 54 in relation to kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 60-65.)</li> <li>● "To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 48-50.)</li> </ul>

Claim 32	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>The device of claim 31 wherein the support has a first end and a second end,</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIG. 2</li> <li>● "The support 54 includes cradle 64, V-frame 66, crossbar 68, a pair of handles 70, lanyard 72 and a pair of sleeves 74. Cradle 64 is secured to the apex of V-frame 66. Crossbar 68 is placed across V-frame 66 to add structural support to support 54. Crossbar 68 extends beyond V-frame 66 to create handles 70 for support 54. Lanyard 72 has loops located at each end of slipover sleeves 74 to secure lanyard 72 to the lags of V-frame 66 between crossbar 68 and sleeves 74. Sleeves 74 are located at the open end of V-frame 66 and are used for mounting support 54 to kicker motor 24 by receiving a pin or bolt." (Col. 3, ll. 61 - Col. 4, ll. 4.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>wherein the cradle is located at the first end, and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2,3 and 4</li> <li>● "Cradle 64 is secured to the apex of V-frame 66." (Col. 3, ll. 63.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>wherein the support is rotatably mounted at its second end.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2,3 and 4</li> <li>● "Sleeves 74 are located at the opened end of V-frame 66 and are used for mounting support 54 to kicker motor 24 by receiving a pin or bolt." (Col. 4, ll. 2-4.)</li> </ul>

Claim 33	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>The device of claim 29, and further including:</u></p> <p><u>means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● “Outboard motor support device 50 includes a tie down bracket 52 (which is mounted to the transom 26), support 54 (which is rotatably mounted to the auxiliary motor 24), and tie down strap 56 (which passes around the auxiliary motor 24 and is secured to tie down bracket 52 such that kicker motor 24 is supported and secured in an up position between the support 54 and tie down strap 56).” (Col. 3, ll. 50-56.)</li> <li>● “Lanyard 72 is threaded through drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24 before the ends of lanyard 72 are secured to legs of V-frame 66. This connects support 54 to kicker motor 24 so as kicker motor 24 is raised to an up position lanyard 72 raises support 54 as well.” (Col. 4, ll. 23-28.)</li> </ul>



Claim 34	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 1,2,3 and 4</li> <li>● "The invention is a device and method to support and secure an outboard motor to a transom of a boat." (Col. 2, ll. 30-31.)</li> <li>● "The main outboard motor 22 and the kicker motor 24 are secured to a transom 26 of the boat 10." (Col. 2, ll. 65-66.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>a support having a cradle at a first end and having a second end rotatably mounted above a horizontal pivot axis which is generally parallel to the transom such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about the pivot axis to contact and support the motor in the cradle and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Support 54 is pivotally secured by pin 82, which passes through the pair of sleeves 74 to trim adjustment rack 84 of kicker motor 24. Support 54 then hangs from trim adjustment rack 84 and can rotate about pin 82." (Col. 4, ll. 19-22.)</li> <li>● "When kicker motor 24 is in a down position for operation, support 54 is pivoted down to a position between transom 26 of boat 10 and drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 30-33.)</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> </ul>

Claim 34	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>a flexible tie down element which passes behind the motor to hold the motor in contact with the cradle when the motor is in its up position.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Once support 54 is in place to support and secure kicker motor 24, tie down strap 56 is then passed behind drive shaft housing 86 and is secured on both sides of kicker motor 24 to tie down bracket 52." (Col. 4, ll. 50-54).</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> </ul>

Claim 35	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>The device of claim 34 wherein the cradle receives and secures the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "To support and secure kicker motor 24 support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 48-50.)</li> </ul>

Claim 36	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>The device of claim 34 wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to move the support to a position for contacting and supporting the motor when the motor is raised to an up position.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Lanyard 72 is threaded through drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24 before the ends of lanyard 72 are secured to the legs of V-frame 66. This connects support 54 to kicker motor 24 so that as kicker motor 24 is raised to an up position, lanyard 72 raises support 54 as well." (Col. 4, ll. 23-28.)</li> </ul>

Claim 37	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 1, 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "The invention is a device and method to support and secure an outboard motor to a transom of a boat." (Col. 2, ll. 30-31.)</li> <li>● "The main outboard motor 22 and the kicker motor 24 are secured to a transom 26 of the boat 10." (Col. 2, ll. 65-66.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>a tie down bracket having holes at opposite ends;</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIG. 2</li> <li>● "In a preferred embodiment, tie down bracket 52 is formed by base plate 58 from which a pair of opposed facing tabs 60 extend. Base plate 58 includes a pair of mounting holes 62 and tabs 60 include aligned hole 62." (Col. 3, ll. 57-60.)</li> </ul>

Claim 37	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>a support having a cradle at the first end wherein a second end of the support is mounted for pivotal movement such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate above its mounting point to a first position at which the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is in second position between the motor and the transom; and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Support 54 is pivotally secured by pin 82, which passes through the pair of sleeves 74 to trim adjustment rack 84 of kicker motor 24. Support 54 then hangs from trim adjustment rack 84 and can rotate about pin 82." (Col. 4, ll. 19-22.)</li> <li>● "When kicker motor 24 is in a down position for operation, support 54 is pivoted down to a position between transom 26 of boat 10 and drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 30-33.)</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>the tie down element having a pair of hooks secured to its ends, wherein each one of the hooks is secured in one of the holes in the tie down bracket and the tie down element passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor to hold the drive shaft housing in contact with the cradle when the motor is in the up position.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Tie down strap 56 includes a pair of belts 76 that are secured to each other at one end by buckle 78 and have hooks 80 at their free ends." (Col. 4, ll. 5-7.)</li> <li>● "To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24. Once support 54 is in place to support and secure kicker motor 24, tie down strap 56 is then passed behind drive shaft housing 86 and is secured on both sides of kicker motor 24 to tie down bracket 52." (Col. 4, ll. 48-54.)</li> </ul>

Claim 38	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>The device of claim 37 wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to pivot the support when the motor is tilted to an up position.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Lanyard 72 is threaded through drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24 before the ends of lanyard 72 are secured to the legs of V-frame 66. This connects support 54 to kicker motor 24 so that as kicker motor 24 is raised to an up position, lanyard 72 raises support 54 as well." (Col. 4, ll. 23-28.)</li> </ul>

Claim 39	Location Of Support In Specification
<p><u>An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 1, 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "The invention is a device and method to support and secure an outboard motor to a transom of a boat." (Col. 2, ll. 30-31.)</li> <li>● "The main outboard motor 22 and the kicker motor 24 are secured to a transom 26 of the boat 10." (Col. 2, ll. 65-66.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>a support rotatably mounted at a first end and having a cradle at the second end, the support being rotatable such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its first end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> <li>● "Once support 54 is in place to support and secure kicker motor 24, tie down strap 56 is then passed behind drive shaft housing 86 and is secured on both sides of kicker motor 24 to tie down bracket 52." (Col. 4, ll. 50-54.)</li> <li>● "When kicker motor 24 is in a down position for operation, support 54 is pivoted down to a position between transom 26 of boat 10 and drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 30-33.)</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>a tie down element which passes behind the motor for securing the drive shaft housing in place against the cradle when the motor is in an up position.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 3 and 4</li> <li>● "To support and secure kicker motor 24, support</li> </ul>



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<p><u>An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 1, 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "The invention is a device and method to support and secure an outboard motor to a transom of a boat." (Col. 2, ll. 30-31.)</li> <li>● "The main outboard motor 22 and the kicker motor 24 are secured to a transom 26 of the boat 10." (Col. 2, ll. 65-66.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>a support rotatably mounted at a first and having a cradle and a second end, the support being rotatable such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its first end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS. 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "When kicker motor 24 is in a down position for operation, support 54 is pivoted down to a position between transom 26 of boat 10 and drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 30-33.)</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> <li>● "Once support 54 is in place to support and secure kicker motor 24, tie down strap 56 is then passed behind drive shaft housing 86 and is secured on both sides of kicker motor 24 to tie down bracket 52." (Col. 4, ll. 50-54.)</li> <li>● "In FIG. 4, outboard motor support device 50 is shown supporting and securing kicker motor 24 which is in an up position. To support and secure kicker motor 24, support 54 is upwardly rotated so that cradle 64 receives and contacts drive shaft housing 86 of kicker motor 24." (Col. 4, ll. 46-50.)</li> </ul>
<p><u>means connected between the support of the motor for rotating the support outboard when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FIGS 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>● "Lanyard 72 is threaded through drive shaft</li> </ul>

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	<p>housing 86 of kicker motor 24 before the ends of lanyard 72 are secured to the legs of V-frame 66. This connects support 54 to kicker motor 24 so that as kicker motor 24 is raised to an up position, lanyard 72 raises support 54 as well." (Col. 4, ll. 23-28.)</p>

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